

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 102

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A RESOLUTION to request the Board of Pharmacy to conduct a study to evaluate working conditions of pharmacists and the renewal notices employed for pharmacist licenses.

WHEREAS, the practice of pharmacy is a valuable healthcare profession that affects the lives of many Tennesseans each day when they visit a pharmacy to obtain prescription drugs and other beneficial services; and

WHEREAS, the working conditions of Tennessee pharmacists and the process of licensure renewal for pharmacists affect all pharmacists in this State and their clients; and

WHEREAS, the availability of relevant data regarding the actual practice of pharmacy in this State would be beneficial to the Board of Pharmacy, as it regulates the practice of pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, a survey of pharmacists inquiring as to their perceptions of their working conditions and the renewal notice system employed by the Board of Pharmacy would provide immensely valuable information to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy's Working Conditions Survey in 2011 demonstrated that an electronic survey, which permits electronic and written methods of comment, can provide a regulatory board with valuable information; and

WHEREAS, a survey of the working conditions of pharmacists in this State permits the assessment of issues in pharmacy practice across the various types of practice sites while permitting identification of particular concerns relating to patient safety and other issues; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Pharmacy could benefit from comments from practicing pharmacists concerning the Board's license renewal process, with particular attention to renewal notices; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Pharmacy could adapt another jurisdiction's electronic survey of working conditions and license renewal notices for appropriate use in this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body requests the Board of Pharmacy to undertake an electronic survey of working conditions and the licensure renewal notice process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Board of Pharmacy.